The European Union versus Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news manifesto

A political EU change policy manifesto

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Modern developments in society under infuence of politics and EU internal and external threats demands change and reform to prepare the EU for the future. This manifesto demands change and reform to build a centralised renewed, strong and decisive European Union from out of a centralised federal structure which makes that EU member states need to transfer more political and legal power to the EU and its institutions to build a renewed federal EU that more effective can create new policy and face and deal with global and internal threats while simultaneously being able to create new opportunities. The EU needs to transform to a global world power being able to effectively operate and protect its own interests in political, economical and military sense.

This manifesto provides basic existing and new information and wants to stimulate discussion and an open mind towards change and reform needed to deal with new and existing threats and developments and destructive EU internal and external powers that want to weaken and break the EU. This manifesto is no more than a basic concept as first step towards discussion in extend of political action, reform and change to make new policy possible in order to build a strong federalized European Union that can operate in a changing and hostile world, not as a weak giant but as a strong federalized block with true political, economical and military power.

Preface:

As an academician and as a writer I feel obliged to write and present this basic manifesto in regards of the European Union versus Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news. The main reason why I write this basic manifesto is fact that I am a European Union nationalist who loves the EU and I see developments as the UK Brexit and the America first politics related to the USA Trump administration as a threat and as a challenge for the EU. My manifesto is basic of nature.

I am committed to the European Union and all of its institutions. The EU secures safety and stability in EU allied member states. Modern developments in our modern timeline make that the EU has to reform in order to deal more effective at internal and external threats and challenges. In my manifesto I explain briefly the EU and the key subjects Brexit, America First politics and fake news.

The main reason why I pay attention to the subject of Brexit and the May administration in my manifesto is fact that Brexit and the UK are an important case for the EU which threatens and challenges the EU. In my manifesto I explain some facts in extend of Brexit and I also pay attention to the phenomena of fake news in relation to Brexit.

The America first Trump politics and the way it affects not only the EU but also the entire world made that I in my manifesto pay extra attention to the subject of Trump's America first politics in which case I explain some facts and threats. The second reason why I did choose for the subject of America first politics is fact that Trump's America first politics is also related to fake news.

I pay special attention to the subject of fake and misguiding news because of fact that fake and misguiding news affects the European Union in a negative sense and because of fact that the subject of fake news is also related to Brexit and the America first politics of the Trump administration and president Trump of the USA himself. Fake news is a disturbing phenomenon of our modern time where it influences and manipulates targeted societies, people and groups in a negative sense.

As a writer and as an academician I condemn and reject all forms of fake news. Fake news is a threat for all people and societies at global scale because it misguides people who are not aware of being influenced by fake news which they may accept as a form of truth. Accepting fake news as truth is dangerous because a by fake news misguided individual can make wrong decisions based at fake news seen and accepted as truth with negative consequences as result.

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Introduction:

As an academician, writer and citizen of the European Union and the Netherlands and as an EU nationalist I endorse a strong and independent European Union with a strong European Union identity and a strong European Union Nationalistic consciousness. I am strongly opposed to internal and external threats against the European Union and I condemn fake news and the spread of fake news. I endorse the western Christian Jew historical foundation of the western society and the EU.

The European Union as a cooperation of member states is important for political and economic strength of the member states and the EU has as obligation to secure the internal market with free traffic of goods, services and persons. The EU is important for political, economic and financial stability of the EU and its member states and for EU security and cooperation at political, economic, legal and financial level in order to improve EU growth and prosperity. The EU is important for protection of interests of member states within the EU mandate. At international level the EU acts as a union against political, legal and economical threats at global scale in which case it is valid to say that the European Union has more diplomatic, political, legal and economic power and influence as single EU and non EU nations in order to create chances and opportunities and to deal with threats, challenges and change. The EU supports their member states and acts where needed as an arbiter in order to settle issues and conflicts. The EU is a democratic institution where member states have an equal vote and are treated as equal partners within the union while having their own sovereignty as nation within the EU while operating in accordance of EU laws, guidelines and regulations.

The European Union as a dynamic political institution is under constant development and has to deal with internal and external political and non-political forces and existing threats that constantly challenge the European Union. A strong and independent EU with a strong EU identity makes that the EU can deal more effectively against internal and external threats and developments of our modern timeline while creating chances and opportunities for the EU and its member states.

World leaders like Mr Donald Trump, Mr Vladimir Putin and Mr Recep Tayyip Erdoğan with their personal political agendas and foreign policies act for themselves and their country and not always in the interests of the European Union. International political agendas of nations next to threats like cyber war, trade war, terrorism, Islamic extremism and non-European Union migration flows, make it clear that the European Union has to reform and adapt to deal with it more effectively and decisive.

The world order is changed since the Trump administration came in power in 2017. In today's world the European Union is extremely challenged by nations like Russia and the USA whose leaders wants the European Union to be weak so it can be more easily played and manipulated at political and

economic level. The European Union is under attack of international terrorism and gets threatened by criminals who for example accommodate human trafficking and illegal drugs and weapon trade and transports. Internal EU threats like Brexit and growing populism and Islamism are also challenging the EU. The EU cannot always act fast at new threats and challenges because of the internal procedures and time needed for negotiations before decisions can be stated and executed and new EU policy can be developed as answer at the threats and challenges. That's why I plea for significant reform of the EU towards a federation of states in order to create a federal mandate so we (the EU) can act fast and more adequate at threats and challenges without extreme delay caused by internal negotiations before decisions can be made and policy can be developed and executed.

As part of suggested EU reform policy and restructuring of parts of the EU I personally am in favour of integral EU reform in order to come to a EU Federation of states with hard EU outside borders, a EU task force army, a EU task force Police corps, a EU tax and finance union and so on so the European Union can operate and respond more effective and fast at internal and external threats. Hard EU borders stand for strict controlled borders supervised and secured by customs border units.

In my manifesto I will limit my view and focus and look more closely to the EU and issues of Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news. The reason why I want to discuss and place the EU in relation to Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news is that the America's first politics, Brexit and fake news are threats for the EU and that fake news was and still is part of Trump's America's first politics and Brexit and because of fact that fake news affects the EU negatively.

Before I go deeper investigating issues of the EU versus America's first politics, Brexit and fake news relationships I have to state briefly the nature and origin of the European Union and its main institutions and I have to explain the basics of fake news, Brexit and Trump's America first principle.

As a writer and as an academician I have to pay extra attention to the phenomena of fake news. The issue of fake news I personally see as a threat for all writers who want to be taken seriously because writers who deliberately develop and spread fake news are a curse for the entire writer community. In my opinion these 'false 'writers must be prosecuted and excluded from professional writers organisations and organisations of journalism. The EU is bombarded with fake news that threats the integrity of the EU. I condemn all writers who actively produce and spread fake news in order to manipulate and influence individuals and groups. Writers who produce fake news are a shame for the group of serious writers who produce true news to inform the public in a responsible manner.

This manifesto in regards of the EU and issues of Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news is a basic informative manifesto written and developed by me with as main purpose to trigger further discussion in extends of these subjects and it is developed for education purposes at schools.

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1.1 What is the European Union?

The European Union is ratified and operational since 1 November 1993 as result of the treaty of Maastricht. The latest modification of the treaty was stated by the treaty of Lisbon (2007). The EU is a cooperation of 28 states (2018) who are members of the European Union which also includes the member state citizens. All member states are independent and thus sovereign.

The EU is a democratic institution. The EU is important for economic, financial and political stability of the member states and the EU acts as an arbiter in case of conflicts and issues that needs to be settled and solved at EU level. The EU has an internal customs market with internal open borders.

Notes 1 (further reading and references):

European Parliament:

‘Treaty on European Union (TEU) / Maastricht Treaty’

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/about-parliament/en/in-the-past/the-parliament-and-the-treaties/maastricht-treaty

1.1.2 EU institutions:

The European Union is a highly organised organisation which includes:

The European Commission: The European Commission is a commission that represents the entire EU.

The European Council: The EC is a council which is related to the EU heads of state or government.

The European parliament: The European Parliament is a parliament that represents the EU citizens and is stated based at election results of EU member state elections for the European Parliament.

Some other important European Union institutions are:

The Court of Justice of the European Union: The CJEU is the legal and judicial authority of the EU.

The European Central Bank: The ECB is the Eurozone member states related Central Bank in regards of monetary policy.

The European Economic and Social Committee: The EESC is an EU advice and consultation body.

The European Investment Bank: The EIB is an EU non-profit lending organisation.

The European Ombudsman: The EO is an EU ombudsman for the EU territory.

European Data Protection Supervisor: The EDPS safeguards strict privacy rules, data protection and so on.

1.1.3 European Union and the Eurozone:

The European Union represents the member states and their citizens. The Eurozone is a monetary union of 19 European Union related member states from the 28 EU member states. Membership of the EU does not automatically mean membership of the Eurozone if one does not want to have the Euro as national currency or if one can't comply with the Euro rules.

1.1.4 Member states of the EU:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

In case Brexit will be a fact than 27 member states remain as result of the UK bail out (29-03- 2019).

1.1.5 Member states of the Eurozone:

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain.

Notes 2 (further reading and references):

European Union links:

About the European Union:

https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu_en

The Eurozone:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurozone

1.1.6 European Union Law:

European Union law is legal law related to member nations of the European Union. Primary law is related to European Union basic constitutions and secondary law is related to the treaty based principles and objectives. European Union law forms the law for the European Union and its citizens and determines the European Union and its legal operations.

Notes 3 (further reading and references):

EU law link:

https://europa.eu/european-union/law_en

1.1.7 The European Union customs single market:

The European Union has 512.6 million citizens which state a single market of 512.6 million customers.

Notes 4 (further reading and references):

Wikipedia, Demographics of the European Union information:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_European_Union

1.1.8 The European Single Market:

The European Union Single Market refers to the EU without internal borders to ensure free movement of goods and services. The EU single market forms the open EU market for economical transactions and operations of EU related economical actors and those who are granted access to the single market.

1.1.9 The European Customs Union:

The EU Customs Union is a customs union of the member states of the EU and some non EU member states based at bilateral agreements. The EU customs union states tariff free movement of goods within the EU.

Notes 5 (further reading and references):

European Consumer Centre Finland, 12 September 2018 information link:

'25 consumer benefits from the EU Single Market'

https://www.ecc.fi/en/current-issues/press-releases/2018/25-consumer-benefits-from-the-eu-single-market/

European Commission. EU Customs Union information link:

https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/facts-figures/eu-customs-union-unique-world_en

Wikipedia: European Union Customs Union link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union_Customs_Union

Briefings for Brexit, December 2017, Graham Gudgin reports:

'The European Single Market And Customs Union'

https://briefingsforbrexit.com/the-european-single-market-and-customs-union/

BBC news, 14 August 2017, Jonty Bloom reports:

'Free trade area, single market, customs union - what's the difference?'

https://www.bbc.com/news/business-36083664

1.2 What is fake news?

Fake news is phony or false misguiding or manipulative news spread and presented by (social) news media via organisations, individuals, journalists, writers and propaganda institutions with as main goal to spread phony news or false information in order to manipulate and influence people or groups via social media, regular media or other forms of communication transfer (Fridsma).

Notes 6 (further reading and references):

Wikipedia Fake news link:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fake_news

1.3 What is Brexit?

Brexit stands for Britain Exit from the European Union. June 2016, the UK did choose by referendum in favour of Brexit. The Brexit referendum was structurally manipulated with fake news from the leave camp. Brexit was won by the leave camp with a slim majority of 51.9 against 48.1 based at a 70.8% of an electoral total of votes of 100%.

The UK Conservative Party and the UK government under leadership of prime minister Theresa May do all in order to try to secure Brexit in accordance of the results of the 2016 Brexit referendum results. The Brexit deadline is 29 March 2019.

Notes 7 (further reading and references):

CNN, 10 December 2018, Doug Criss reports:

'The non-Brits guide to Brexit'

https://edition.cnn.com/2018/11/17/uk/non-brits-guide-to-brexit-update-gbr-trnd-intl/index.html

1.4 What is Trump's America first principle?

Trump's America first principle is the principle that places the national interests of the USA at the first place at level of law, national security, economics, trade and politics et cetera from out of egocentric self-interest, isolationism politics and international retreat. At national and international level of the USA the America first strategy causes friction and resistance and it sets the international relationships with friends of the USA (the European Union, Canada, Australia and others) under pressure. The America first politics threatens free global trade and the liberal world order.

Notes 8 (further reading and references):

News European parliament, 12 September 2018, Press Releases:

'America first policy goes against EU-US partnership, say MEPs'

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20180906IPR12109/america-first-policy-goes-against-eu-us-partnership-say-meps

Independent, 23 January 2017 Kim Sengupta reports:

'This is what Trump's 'America First' foreign policy will look like'

https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/trump-foreign-policy-america-first-isolationist-what-it-will-look-like-a7542281.html

The Washington Post, November 22 Editorial Board:

'Trump's 'America First' means Americans lose'

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/trumps-america-first-means-americans-lose/2018/11/22/ae4d4256-eda7-11e8-8679-934a2b33be52_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.30afa73db5f8

CNBC, 27 July 2018, John Hardwood reports:

'The cost of Donald Trump's mission to put America first and abandon the liberal world order'

https://www.cnbc.com/2018/07/26/donald-trump-disrupted-the-liberal-world-order.html

The Guardian, 4 December 2018, Julian Borger reports:

'Trump is building a new liberal world order, says Pompeo'

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/dec/04/us-president-donald-trump-is-building-a-new-liberal-world-order-says-mike-pompeo

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2.7 The UK, Brexit and fake news

In the introduction chapter we have stated the basic nature of the EU, fake news, Brexit and Trump's America first principle. In this chapter we will look more closely at the America first principle and Brexit.

2.1 The USA, the America first principle and fake news:

At moment the USA Trump administration started in 2017 Trump implemented the America first principle which is an egocentric political and economic USA principle where national interests of the USA at political and at economical level are fixed above the international interests which is also part of USA isolationist international retreat politics and USA supremacy politics (personal note Fridsma).

Trump structurally manipulates the press and social media and qualifies all news that does not suits him as fake news which is not only a fact at level of the free press in the USA but also at international level of the free press so Trump constantly influences the free word inside the USA and outside the USA. Trump manipulates the mass while endorsing populism based at his standards and personal views. Trump structurally spread fake news or manipulates the world via his personal tweets and he declares others who are a threat to him as fake and fake news at will. The America first principle threatens and challenges the EU at level of trade because of trade tariffs and the threat of a trade war with the USA. The America first politics forces the EU to reconsider the relationship with the USA and the role of the EU at global level, the organisation of the military army, the EU defence et cetera.

2.2 USA America first politics and the world order:

The America first politics makes that the global world order is structurally changing under influence of the Trump administration politics. The changing world order comes with new challenges, threats

and opportunities and pressures international politics, international alliances, international and national EU securities. The America first politics pressures the EU to find new solutions to adapt.

Notes 9 (further reading and references):

Clingendael, Clingendael Strategic Monitor 2017, Jan Rood:

'America First: Trump and the Multi-Order Epilogue Clingendael Strategic Monitor 2017'

https://www.clingendael.org/pub/2017/monitor2017/america_first_trump_and_the_multiorder/

Politico, 28 September 2018, Robert Kegan:

'The world America made and Trump wants to unmake'

https://www.politico.eu/article/donald-trump-wants-to-destroy-liberal-world-order-post-ww2/

2.3 The USA and the EU trade conflict because of the America first principle:

Trump in general plays nations at national level of identity to persuade, seduce or threat them to become a trade partner of the USA at his terms in which case he manipulate the individual nations because of the economic power of the USA so trade deals are always an America First trade deal with maximum benefits for the USA at terms of the USA in the first place. The EU acts as a block to guard the EU interests of member states so the USA can't close deals by bypassing the EU when it comes to EU states and trade deals. Trump want's the UK separated from the EU to weaken the UK (Fridsma).

Notes 10 (further reading and references):

BBC news video 20 Jan 2017, Donald Trump: 'America first, America first'

https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-us-canada-38696475/trump-s-inauguration-story-of-the-day

2.4 Facts trade deals and TTIP:

Trump knows that trade deals with the European Union are complex because of EU high values and norms. Example: The US wants to export genetic manipulated foods/food products from the USA to the EU, these foods/food products must first be approved by the EU before it enters the EU market.

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement negotiations (TTIP) between the USA and the EU (TTIP) were stopped by Trump in 2018 because he didn't like it from out of his America First principle. Trump demands a new deal at his terms in favour of the USA and USA trade balance.

Notes 11 (further reading and references):

European Commission TTIP information:

http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ttip/

European Parliament TTIP information:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-reasonable-and-balanced-trade-agreement-with-the-united-states/file-ttip-information-and-communication-technology

2.5 Trump politics and the EU:

Trump tries to play EU nations at national level of nations because that way he can manipulate the nations more effectively in a political sense than when a EU nation would act as a strict EU member.

Examples of Trump's EU and individual nations politics and strategy (the UK, Poland and the EU case):

The United Kingdom is an easy target for Trump and his politics. The UK gets structurally manipulated by the USA because of Brexit and fact that the UK plans to leave the EU with or without a deal 29 March 2019 as the status quo remains as it is. Trump endorses nationalist and populist sentiments at level of EU nations including the UK. Trump is in favour of Brexit because it separates the UK from the EU and weakens the EU and UK. A separated UK with minimum EU influence makes it easier for Trump to make trade deals at lower level standards as when it would be at EU level so the USA can more easily influence and manipulate the UK. May from out of her weakened political position in the UK is an easy target for Trump to be played with new US UK trade deals so he can push his America First principle by pushing deals at lower quality level which would never be accepted by the EU.

Trump from out of his personal vision sees the EU as a unnatural entity because he can't control and manipulate the EU easy and at will and that is why he does do all to play at national sentiment of EU nations in hope that the nations will follow the UK and break out of the EU or to resist EU political pressure. Trump played for example nationalists in Poland during his visit to Poland in 2017 where he held a political rally with pro nationalistic ideals and sentiments which was not in favour of the EU.

Trump actively influenced and manipulated the Polish political climate in July 2017 by playing the mass. Notes 12 shows facts of Trump's active manipulation visit to Poland to weaken the EU with disrespect for the EU and its institutions and it shows how Trump's view at the EU at trade level.

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Politico, July 6, 2017, Annie Karini reports:

‘Trump hands a victory to Polish nationalists’

https://www.politico.com/story/2017/07/06/trump-poland-visit-nationalists-240266

New York Times July 9, 2017, Anna Dubenko reports:

‘Writers on the Right and Left React to Trump in Europe’

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/09/us/politics/trump-g20-poland-reactions.html

National interest, July 13, 2017 Izabella Tabarovsky reports:

‘How Trump Fed Polish Nationalists' Selective Memory’

https://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-trump-fed-polish-nationalists-selective-memory-21531

BBC news 15 July 2018 states facts about Trump’s America First USA EU trade politics where he declares the EU as a foe at level of trade politics. BBC news reports:

Donald Trump: ‘European Union is a foe on trade’

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-44837311

2.6 Trump and political manipulation in the EU example ‘Make France great again’:

Trump’s visit to France in November 2018 shows a example of how Trump manipulates individual EU nations (in this case France) while playing in favour of nationalism and nationalist sentiments. This example related to France is part of indirect political manipulation of the political situation in France where the nationalist movement of Rassemblement National (former Front National) is growing while having anti EU sentiments which suits Trump and his America first politics.

Notes 13 (further reading and references):

The Post online, 13 November 2018, Bas Paternotte reports:

‘Five tweets from Donald Trump in regards of his visit to France, rain, wine and the EU-army’

https://tpo.nl/2018/11/13/vijf-tweets-van-donald-trump-over-zijn-bezoek-aan-frankrijk-regen-wijn-en-een-eu-leger/

It is clear to me that Trump tries to influence and manipulate the EU in order to weaken the EU. The America first strategy is strategically set up as part of USA foreign affairs politics to weaken the EU in order to create opportunities for the USA and to take advantage of a weakened EU in favour of USA politics, USA economics and USA trade. Trump is unpredictable at level of international political consistency, political views and political moves at national and international level of politics. This means that when needed Trump changes his opinion and policy if it suits him and his politics and personal goals. Fact of Trump's unpredictable behaviour makes him at times a dangerous man because of his impulsive reactions and actions. Trump is an egocentric personality with egocentric behaviour which reflects itself at his America first politics (Fridsma).

2.7 The UK, Brexit and fake news:

Under former UK prime minister David Cameron a Brexit referendum took place in June 2016. The results of the UK Brexit referendum made that the Leave the EU camp won by 51.9% against the stay in the EU Camp with 48.1% at a Brexit referendum based turnout of 71.8% people who voted. The leave camp of Brexit was systematically misguided by false and fake information. The people of the UK were systematically manipulated and influenced by fake news in favour of the leave camp (see the links). Brexit challenges the EU and the EU from out of EU politics has no intention to give the UK all the benefits of the EU including free access to the single market and customs union in case the UK definitely bails out 29 March 2019 and Brexit becomes a fact and the UK isn't an EU member anymore. The UK has to pay the full price of the Brexit bailout operation.

I personally doubt that the leave camp in favour of Brexit would had won if all news related to the 2016 Brexit referendum in the UK had been based at true facts and if UK politicians and the UK media would had been more supportive in favour of a stay and the case of the EU, its institutions and the benefits of EU membership. The UK in economic perspective would show higher rates of economic growth and prosperity and a strong currency pound as result of a stay in the EU.

The UK government accepted the results of the 2016 Brexit referendum and as result of accepting it the UK government under leadership of Theresa May activated article 50 so the Brexit procedure started with a countdown till 29 March 2019.

Notes 14 (further reading and references):

The Telegraph, 12 December 2018, James Rothwell, Daniel Capurro and Robert Midgley report:

'What is Article 50?'

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/0/what-is-article-50-the-only-explanation-you-need-to-read/

Brexit update review link:

BBC news, 17 December 2018, Alex Hunt and Brian Wheeler reported:

‘Brexit All you need to know about the UK leaving the EU’

https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32810887

Brexit and fake news links:

Independent, 18 January 2017, Andrew Grice report:

‘Fake news handed Brexiteers the referendum and now they have no idea what they're doing’

https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/michael-gove-boris-johnson-brexit-eurosceptic-press-theresa-may-a7533806.html

EU Rope, a blog by Jon Danzig, 14 November 2017. Jon Danzig report:

‘How fake news caused Brexit’

https://eu-rope.ideasoneurope.eu/2017/11/14/fake-news-caused-brexit/

Independent, 18 October 2018, Will Gore reports:

‘Brexit and Trump have proved that lies are more attractive than facts’

https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/brexit-trump-fact-check-lies-truth-eu-referendum-campaign-fake-news-online-facebook-a8590231.html

Chapter 3 – Personal opinion:

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3.1 Brexit:

During the 2016 Brexit referendum campaign the campaign was structurally manipulated by the leave camp by consulted organisations like Cambridge Analytica and political leaders/key figures like Nigel Farage (UKip) and Boris Johnson (Conservative Party) who structurally misguided UK people with false information in order to manipulate them. As result of the mass manipulations and fake news reportages the balance of votes resulted in a 2016 win for the leave camp with 51.9% of votes.

The 2016 Brexit campaign was hard and the leave camp did all to win at expense of facts and truth. It was a political motivated move from the leave campaign to play at elements of fear. One insinuated for example that in case of an EU stay that the UK would be flooded by migrants. The leave camp wants self-control of the UK without any interference of the EU and totally separated from the EU.

Brexit has 3 options:

Soft Brexit.

Hard Brexit.

No Brexit.

A soft Brexit means that the UK and the EU comes to a negotiated agreement with each other in which case there are agreed mutual commitments.

A hard Brexit means that the UK leaves the EU without any political deal or agreement.

No Brexit means that the UK remains into the EU as a full member state of the EU and that Brexit is politically put aside or neutralised in another sense so it is no option anymore.

The Brexit referendum was part of a dirty game of politics, fake news and political manipulations in order to gain votes for the leave camp. The leave camp could win the Brexit referendum with a minor majority of votes in 2016. UK citizens were structurally misguided by the leave campaign. As result of the Brexit referendum results David Cameron resigned and Theresa May came in power. May deals with strong opposition in her own Conservative Party and from the opposition parties in the UK parliament. UK prime minister May does do all to gain support for her Brexit plan and behind the screens the government prepares for a worst case scenario of a no Brexit deal and thus a hard Brexit.

In case the UK government and parliament will not come to a formal Brexit agreement or deal with the EU than the UK will face the consequences of leaving the EU the hard way. The UK economy will be damaged and economic growth will decline faster as in case of a soft Brexit. It is a fact that Brexit harms the UK economy and the UK international political position in the EU. Brexit make that trade tariffs will be stated between the EU and UK. Consumer goods and services for the UK internal market become more expensive. Inflation rates will grow. There will be no free traffic of persons, goods and services anymore. Consumer prices rise. The UK international political, economic and trade position will weaken because the UK isn't part anymore of the EU to operate as a political, economic and trade super power. The UK pays the price to enter the EU internal market. The price for total UK independency makes UK citizens and the UK business sector will pay the price for Brexit.

In my opinion it was an irresponsible choice that the UK government of the May administration decided to execute Brexit at all costs without back-up plans. It is good that the EU negotiators and the EU top wait with their formal responses and act cautious towards the UK. It is good for the EU to wait at political moves and developments from the UK and the by them presented Brexit outcomes and results and the moment that it formally will be presented to the EU before the EU will react formally at these UK presented results and outcomes. It is good the EU does not give the benefits of being part of the EU pact for free so the UK has to pay the price for Brexit if they won't withdraw the threat of Brexit and continue to the end. The sad thing of Brexit is that at the end the UK citizens and business community has to pay the price for the pushed Brexit politics of their government.

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3.2 America first policy Trump administration:

Trump's America first policy changes, threatens and challenges the world order. Trump's America first trade war affects global growth. The Trump America first politics is focused at making the USA great again at expense of everything. The main focus is to boost the USA economy, productivity and profits next to improving of the competition level at the international markets and balancing of the import export balance of trade in favour of USA goods and services.

It is clear that Trump is not afraid to threaten the European Union with a trade war and it is clear that the European Union must play high level diplomacy to face the USA threats and it is clear that the EU will strike back with counter politics and measures if the USA starts a real-time trade war with the EU. The EU as a union has enough economic power to strike back when needed but it will affect economic growth and prosperity and it will decline trade flows and good relationships in case a trade war gets initiated. A trade war will affect employment rates in a negative sense and it will increase inflation rates and pressure the EU member state currency. The USA will as result of a trade war with the EU notice similar effects. A trade war will also show fluctuations at the Forex and Stock markets.

The Trump administration related America first politics is not only a form of USA self-isolation, it also threatens the world order and the world economy and trade flows. It is a dangerous form of politics which can escalate into bad international relationships and because of fact that the USA is the strongest world economy the America first politics affects the entire world and can lead to an economic recession or worse. I hope that Trump advisors stay focused so the America first politics and policy get not out of control so it escalates. I can say that when needed the EU is ready to strike back if diplomacy fails but it will affect good relationships.

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3.3 Fake news:

Fake news is a serious issue that affects all EU citizens who come in contact with fake news spread by social media or the conventional media or by other forms of communication transfer. Fake news has as main goal to misguide, manipulate and influence targeted people, groups and businesses.

The EU acknowledged that there is a serious problem at level of disinformation with a phony or misleading information character that can harm the public and EU economy. Research groups and platforms are stated to tackle problems. Positive news is fact that EU policy is developed in regards of the phenomena of disinformation in extends of freedom of expression, media diversity and the right of reliable information for all EU citizens et cetera. EU policy must be hard against offenders.

I am in favour of a special misinformation based legal EU watch dog and national watch dogs. These watch dogs must structurally monitor and screen information flows at false and misleading information. I am in favour of a hard EU and national government policy at level of prosecution of offenders who create and spread false and misleading information. I am in favour of strict EU policies and guidelines in regards of creating and spreading of false or misguiding information. I am in favour of strict anti-misleading information laws next to sanctions and prosecution if needed.

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3.4 European Union:

In order to deal with threats I am in favour of further reform of the EU. There is a clear need for further EU reform in order to deal more effective with threats and challenges in today's world.

I am in favour of reform and further reorganisation of the EU in order to state and develop:

1 - A strong European Union at a federal basis of states. A strong EU at federal basis of states can operate effectively, fast and dynamic; decisions can be made at level of a federal mandate and communication lines become shorter which improves communication effectiveness and decisive power. The EU federation must claim its legitimate place in the world order as a super power.

2 - A strong EU foreign policy. A strong EU foreign policy is important in order to claim an undisputed strong position in the world so the EU can act firm at global developments, chances, threats and challenges.

3 - A strong EU outer border security policy and security.

4 - A strong EU migration and asylum policy and asylum centres and a special asylum court.

5 - A strong EU policy in regards of misleading and fake information.

6 - An EU tax policy and a tax union.

7 - An EU intelligence service.

8 - An EU army task force army.

9 - An EU police task force police corps.

10 - An EU cybercrime task force unit.

11 - An EU anti-terror task force unit.

It is a fact that the EU in its present form is subject of political discussion within the European Union and the EU member states and that threats like Brexit, Trump's America first policy and fake news are part of developments where we as EU have to deal with. I am proud of being an EU citizen next to fact that I'm proud of being a Dutchman. The EU is a dynamic organisation that is under constant development in a changing world. It is a fact that the EU has several weak member states but it is part of EU solidarity to support each other in order to face threats and to work towards a stronger and decisive EU. It is needed to preserve the EU culture, traditions and diversity within a federal EU.

In my point of view the Anthem of Europe must be mandatory in EU schools and official EU public institutions just like the European Union flag and there must be stated a EU News station with EU specific news broadcasts.

I plea for a strong and independent EU that is self-sustained while cooperating with allies like the USA and Canada in order to face threats that jam our EU security and the national security of EU member states. I endorse further economic and financial and political and legal integration of EU member states within the EU so we seriously can work towards a true EU federation. I condemn all interventions and political actions of foreign nations and super powers like Russia that will weaken the European Union. In order to prepare the EU for a secured future we need further reform in order to become a super strong world player and super power as an EU federation of states. We need to invest in the EU in order to secure the future of the EU.

In order to work towards a deeper federalisation of the EU it is needed that member states of the EU must be prepared to transfer more sovereignty and financial funding to the EU which is a big political challenge for the future but it is needed so the EU can transform and develop to a decisive strong and powerful EU federal state that can operate autonomously at legal, political, financial, economic and military level of the EU. An EU political will and change of EU constitutional law is needed to set the first steps towards a federal EU state model. We EU politicians, nationalists and sympathizers must work towards a new era of the European Union.

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Chapter 4 - Conclusions, recommendations and discussion:

Conclusions:

The European Union is actively challenged by the UK and the threat of Brexit since the UK government under May accepted the Brexit referendum results and activated article 50. The European Union is challenged by Trump's America first politics. Fake news is part of Brexit and Trump's America first politics. Fake news is threatening and challenging the European Union.

The EU is a very complex organisation but it is functioning within the boundaries of the EU law en in extend of the member states. There is a need for structural reform of the EU in order to be more effective and efficient and more decisive so it can deal more effective with internal affairs and international affairs and political threats and challenges while it also prepares the EU for the future.

Recommendations:

European Union:

The European Union must use national and international challenges and threats to improve the organisation and operational effectiveness and to find new solutions in order to deal with it.

The European Union must seek new chances and opportunities to grow and to improve itself so it can develop further towards a stronger world power and a stronger player at global scale of politics and economics.

The European Union must act diplomatic at level of international politics and economics but the EU must not act weak and the EU must use the instrument of sanctions and interventions where needed and when needed so sanctions and interventions will be used effectively as instrument of diplomatic and political pressure and to influence political situations.

The European Union must get further reorganised and transformed into a federal state model in order to be more effective and efficient and in order to operate decisively at a higher level so we (the EU) can act from out of an EU federal mandate in regards of all EU affairs. The EU must be prepared for the future.

Further reorganisation of the European Union:

1 - Development and stating of an EU Federation state model.

2 - Stating of an EU federal general affairs department.

3 - Stating of an EU federal justice department.

4 - Stating of an EU federal finance department.

5 - Stating of an EU federal home affairs department.

6 - Stating of an EU federal foreign affairs department.

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8 - Stating of an EU federal Agriculture and Fisheries department.

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10 - Stating of an EU federal defence department.

11 - Stating of an EU federal Transport and Regional Planning department.

12 - Stating of an EU federal public housing department.

13 - Stating of an EU special affairs department.

14 - Stating of an EU military task force army.

15 - Stating of an EU police task force corps.

16 - Stating of a tax union.

17 - Hard EU outer borders.

18 - Hard and strict EU migration and asylum policy.

19 - Hard and strict EU policy in regards of misleading and fake information.

20 - Stating of an EU intelligence service.

21 - Stating of an EU cybercrime task force unit.

22 - Stating of an EU anti-terror task force unit.

23 - Stating of an EU News station.

Brexit:

The EU must continue to negotiate with the UK in the background and take a wait and see approach in the foreground and wait to see what the UK will present the EU in a formal sense in regards of

Brexit. This implies that there is a need at the background for background negotiations and background diplomacy but it also implies that it is the UK that needs to make the next move while the EU must wait for what the UK presents to them before they react. I endorse this EU approach and strategy.

Up till now the EU acts as expected very cautious in regards of the UK and Brexit. Brexit is a very sensitive issue in the EU because the EU is displeased with fact that the UK wants to bail out as a state member of the EU and we (the EU) don't want to give all benefits of the EU markets and the EU to the UK if there is no membership anymore. The UK must pay the price for leaving the EU. I am a hardliner and if the UK 29 March 2019 decides to break hard with the EU without an agreement then so be it. We must not give all benefits of the EU to non-members and we only can give some benefits if there is an agreement to do so.

America first policy:

The EU must act decisive and strong at America first politics that affect the EU. The European Union must anticipate at each political move from the Trump administration that affects the European Union. We (the EU) must not let ourselves be blackmailed by the USA and act at each threat in a diplomatic manner after having analysed each threat so that we can respond adequately. The EU must develop itself to a USA independent force where we operate and cooperate with the USA as equal western partners and allies. The EU must execute its own policy and not let itself manipulate by the USA or any other country. In short we must reform as EU to deal with all matters effectively.

Fake news:

Fake and misguiding news must be traced. Creators, publishers and others who are part of spreading fake and misguiding news must be prosecuted. Those who are part of spreading and or creating of fake and misguiding news commit criminal acts by deliberately misguiding of groups of people who are target of fake and misguiding news. The offenders who spread or create fake and misguiding news must be punished hard and where needed criminal laws must be changed so offenders who are caught must be dealt with harshly by the judiciary and the court. A special task force must be developed within the EU that can effectively deal with matters concerning fake and misguiding news issues and that task force must have special investigative power and cooperate with the justice department of the country where the criminal acts were committed.

As a writer and as an academician I tell that creating and spreading of fake and misguiding news has nothing to do with freedom of expression and freedom of the free word because it is a criminal offence and must be prosecuted. Those writers who deliberately are part of creating and or spreading of fake and misguiding news are a shame for the entire professional and semi-professional writer community because they lack of ethics and moral and good conduct of professional ethics,

values and norms. Writers who create and spread fake and misguiding news are indecent and must be traced and prosecuted in accordance of national laws.

Professional writer organisations and organisations of journalists must be alert of writers who create and spread fake and misguiding news and act in accordance of their codes of ethics and behaviour and where needed one must cooperate with a legal prosecutor.

Discussion:

The European Union is as world player an active actor in the field of politics, economics and law. Fake news, Brexit and Trump's America first politics have a deep impact at the European Union.

What do you think about Brexit and fake news (motivate your answer)?

What do you think about Trump's America first politics and fake news (motivate your answer)?

What do you think about the European Union (motivate your answer)?

How do you think the European Union should deal with fake news?

How do you think the European Union should deal with Brexit?

How do you think the European Union should deal with Trump's America first politics?

What do you think about the European Union and the way they treat the UK in extend of Brexit?

Do you think the European Union is a democratic organisation (motivate your answer)?

Do you think the European Union has an open and fair policy (motivate your answer)?

What are your thoughts about Brexit now you know more facts about Brexit?

Do you think the European Union is important for its members and citizens (motivate your answer)?

How do you see the future of the European Union (motivate your answer)?

Do you think that writers must not produce fake news (motivate your answer)?

What do you think of writers and those who produce fake news?

Must writers and those who spread or produce fake news be prosecuted (motivate your answer)?

Summary:

The European Union versus Trump's America's first politics, Brexit and fake news manifesto by Herman Fridsma is a manifesto that provides basic information in regards of the European Union, the America first politics of the Trump administration, Brexit and fake news. The information in the manifesto is basic and has as main goal to inform the reader.

The subjects of Brexit, America first politics and fake news are all related to the European Union because the European Union is the leading subject in this manifesto. The subject of fake news is important to discuss because fake news in this manifesto is related to Brexit, the America first politics and the European Union. This manifesto is developed for further discussion and education at schools.

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